

State of Wisconsin



2021 Senate Bill 15

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2021 WISCONSIN ACT

AN ACT *to amend* 343.06 (1) (cm), 343.07 (1g) (intro.), 343.07 (3) and 343.085 (1) (b) of the statutes; **relating to:** motor vehicle instruction permit and probationary license eligibility, duration, and behind-the-wheel driving requirements.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1m. 343.06 (1) (cm) of the statutes is amended to read:

343.06 (1) (cm) To operate "Class D" vehicles to any person under 18 years of age, unless the person has accumulated at least ~~30~~ 50 hours of behind-the-wheel driving experience, at least 10 hours of which were during hours of darkness. Each hour of behind-the-wheel driving experience while accompanied by a qualified instructor, as defined in s. 343.07 (1c), shall be considered to be 2 hours of behind-the-wheel driving experience, except that no more than 5 hours of behind-the-wheel driving experience while accompanied by a qualified instructor may be counted in this manner. This paragraph does not apply to applicants for a restricted license under s. 343.08 or a special restricted operator's license under s. 343.135. The department may promulgate rules that waive the requirement of accumulating at least ~~30~~ 50 hours of behind-the-wheel experience for qualified applicants who are licensed by another jurisdiction to operate "Class D" vehicles.

SECTION 1p. 343.07 (1g) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

343.07 (1g) REGULAR PERMIT; ISSUANCE, RESTRICTIONS. (intro.) Upon application therefor by a person at

least 15 years ~~and 6 months~~ of age who, except for age or lack of training in the operation of a motor vehicle, is qualified to obtain an operator's license and has passed such knowledge test as the department may require, the department may issue a regular instruction permit. If the application is made by a male who is at least 18 years of age but less than 26 years of age, the application shall include the information required under s. 343.14 (2) (cm). The permit entitles the permittee to operate a motor vehicle, except a commercial motor vehicle, school bus, or motorcycle, a motor bicycle, or a moped, upon the highways, subject to the following restrictions:

SECTION 2. 343.07 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

343.07 (3) DURATION; CANCELLATION. An instruction permit to operate vehicles other than commercial motor vehicles or school buses is valid for ~~12~~ 18 months except that it may be canceled upon receipt of information, by the secretary, of noncompletion or unsatisfactory completion of a driver education and training course by a permittee under the age of 18. An instruction permit to operate commercial motor vehicles or school buses is valid for 180 days.

SECTION 3. 343.085 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

343.085 (1) (b) The department may not issue a probationary license to operate "Class D" vehicles under

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."

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this section to an applicant who is under 18 years of age unless the applicant has attained the age of 16, has held an instruction permit issued under s. 343.07 for not less than 6 months, and, during the 6-month period immediately preceding application, has not committed a moving violation, specified by the department by rule, resulting

in a conviction. The department may promulgate rules to waive the requirement of holding an instruction permit for not less than 6 months for qualified applicants who are licensed by another jurisdiction to operate “Class D” vehicles.